about Rs. 5.00 lakhs. The bridge has already been opened to light vehicular traffic on 23-4-92 (evening).

(d) During the course of carrying out the current repairs of the damaged portion of the approach road, the bridge was closed to traffic till the repair, involving plugging of the leak in the water mains, was completed. Thereafter only light traffic is being allowed to ply on the bridge. Speed breakers and cautionary signs to limit the speed of vehicles have been installed.

(e) Reasons are being investigated by the Technical Committee mentioned in (b).

Unauthorised Private Buses

1111. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of private buses, with or without the markings of "Under STA operations" have lately been plying from and to NOIDA, following no norms or regulations relating to fares and over-crowding;

(b) if so, what steps have been taken. to detect such unauthorised buses and to bring them within the framework of regulations either in accordance with the norms laid down for Green Line DTC services or with those laid down for buses running in Delhi under STA permits ; and

(c) the number of buses detected running illegally without any permits and what acton was taken against such operators ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c) The Enforcement Staff of the Directorate of Transport, Delhi Administration have detected some cases of private buses having temporary contract carnage permits plying as Stage Carriage from Delhi to NOIDA. During the period 1-3-91 to 29-2-92, nearly 326 buses which were found without permits or violating permit conditions were prosecuted by the Enforcement Staff.

Partial Privatisation of Cochin Port Trust

1112. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for partial privatisation of the Cochin Port Trust;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) by when the same is likely to be implemented ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) The Cochin Port Trust has submitted a proposal for inviting private capital participation in the setting-up, operation and management of container transhipment proposed to be set-up at Vallarpadam. The Government have already agreed to this proposal. No other proposal regarding privatisation has been received from Cochin Port Trust.

(c) The likely date of implementation cannot be estimated at this stage.

12.00 NOON

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY (Uttar Pradesh) : Sir, I have a point of order.

Notifications of the Ministry of Environment and Forests

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : Sir, I lay on the Table :—

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Minfs-Uy of Environment and Forests, under section 26 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 :—

(i) G.S.R. No. 95(E), dated the 12th February, 1992, publishing the